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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lasse L. HESSEL et al.

Confirmation No. 7795

Application No.: 10/773,697

Group Art Unit: 2833

Filing Date: February 6, 2004

Examiner: J. Hewitt

For: COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO
DEVICES AND METHOD FOR USING
THE COUPLING

Atty. Docket No.: 81421-4037

**FEE TRANSMITTAL AND
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

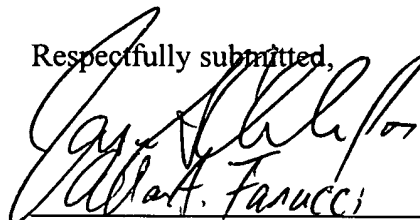
It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the office action dated February 14, 2006, be extended for a period of three (3) months from May 14, 2006, the date now set, to and including August 14, 2006.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$510.00 (small entity). In addition, a fee of \$ 475.00 is believed to be due for the presentation of 7 additional claims, five of which are in independent form.

Please charge the required fees, which are estimated to total \$985.00, to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

Date August 10, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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